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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Dumortier et al. Serial No.: 10/681,101 Filed: October 9, 2003

For: Device For Removing Mastic, Particularly For The Repair Of

Joints In Structures Of Aircraft Tanks And Container For Use

Therewith

Art Unit: 1744
Examiner: Guidotti
Docket No.: 18342-000964

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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed September 20, 2007, for which a Notice of Appeal was filed on March 12, 2008, and is now extended three months, applicants respond as follows.

Request for Extension of Time

Applicants request a three-month extension of time to and including August 12, 2008, within which to file the brief on appeal. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and this amendment are being filed in lieu of pursuing the appeal on this matter. The extension of time and RCE fees are being paid simultaneously with this electronic filing. Any further fees due in connection with the Amendment and RCE may be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0035.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.